

UI Fraud Convictions

The Department of Workforce Services takes the crime of unemployment insurance fraud very seriously and actively prosecutes such cases. The most common cases pursued by the Department involve the non-report of work and earnings, but can include other crimes where the claimant has engaged in prohibited activities while filing for unemployment insurance.

The Department strongly urges claimants to contact the Claims Center if they have any questions about how to accurately report their earnings or activities that might impact their eligibility to receive benefits.

Below is a detailed record of convictions obtained by the Department for the most recent 12-month period.

	Under Utah State Criminal Code 76-3-203 76-3-204 76-3-301	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017 (To Date)
2 nd Degree Felony	Could include imprisonment of 1-15 years, and a fine up to \$10,000	0	0	0	0	0
3 rd Degree Felony	Could include imprisonment of up to 5 years, and a fine up to \$5,000	12	6	6	3	8
Class A Misdemeanor	Could include imprisonment up to 1 year, and a fine up to \$2,500	39	35	22	20	17
Class B Misdemeanor	Could include imprisonment up to 6 months, and a fine up to \$1,000	1	2	2	1	0
Class C Misdemeanor	Could include imprisonment, up to 90 days, and a fine up to \$750	0	0	1	0	0
Plea in Abeyance		No data	No data	15	12	13

Conviction Details

October 2017

Plea in Abeyance (Amended from a Third Degree Felony)

- Defendant is placed on a 36-month probation.
- Defendant ordered to repay restitution amount of \$8,280.00 at a rate of \$150.00 per month.

Class A Misdemeanor (Amended from a Third Degree Felony)-Cayden N Hurst

- Defendant pled guilty to one count of Unemployment Fraud.
- Defendant sentenced to 365 days in jail.
- Jail time is suspended and the defendant is placed on a 36-month probation to be supervised by Good Behavior Probation.
- Defendant ordered to pay restitution amount of \$6,074.00 at a rate of \$169 per month.

Class A Misdemeanor (Amended from a Second Degree Felony)-Tui Aulaumea

- Defendant pled guilty to one count of Unemployment Fraud.
- Defendant sentenced to 365 days in jail.
- Jail time is suspended and the defendant is placed on a 36-month probation to be supervised by Good Behavior Probation.
- Defendant ordered to pay restitution amount of \$8,144.00.

September 2017

Third Degree Felony-Jeremiah Tomaske

- Defendant pled guilty to one count of Unemployment Fraud.
- Defendant sentenced to an indeterminate term not to exceed five years in Utah State Prison.
- Sentence will be served concurrently to any other sentenced being served at that time.
- Defendant was transported to Utah State Prison.
- Defendant is ordered to pay restitution amount of \$3,261.00.

Third Degree Felony (Amended from a Second Degree Felony)-Vaitele Onehunga

- Defendant pled guilty to one count of Unemployment Fraud.
- Defendant sentenced to 365 days in jail.
- Jail time is suspended and the defendant is placed on a 24-month probation to be supervised by Good Behavior Probation.
- Defendant is ordered to pay restitution amount of \$7,840.00 at a rate of \$60.00 per month.

Third Degree Felony (Amended from a Second Degree Felony)-Kory Searles

- Defendant pled guilty to one count of Unemployment Fraud.
- Defendant sentenced to an indeterminate term not to exceed five years in Utah State Prison.
- Prison term is suspended and defendant is placed on a 36-month probation to be supervised by Third District Court.

- Defendant is ordered to pay restitution amount of \$15,750.00 at a rate of \$50.00 per month.

Class A Misdemeanor (Amended from a Third Degree Felony)-Parker Woodie

- Defendant pled guilty to one count of Unemployment Fraud
- A second count of unemployment fraud was dismissed.
- Defendant sentenced to 365 days in jail.
- Jail time is suspended and the defendant is placed on a 36-month probation to be supervised by Good Behavior Probation.
- Defendant ordered to pay restitution amount of \$9,216 at a rate of \$216 per month.

August 2017

Third Degree Felony (Amended from a Second Degree Felony)-William Tracy Rowley

- Defendant pled guilty to one count of Unemployment Fraud.
- Defendant is sentenced to an indeterminate term of jail not to exceed five years.
- Jail time is suspended and the defendant is placed on 36-months probation to be supervised by Seventh District Court.
- Defendant is ordered to complete 75 hours of community service.
- Defendant is ordered to submit to DNA testing.
- Defendant is ordered to violate no laws.
- Defendant ordered to pay restitution amount of \$11,060.00.

July 2017

Plea in Abeyance (Amended from a Third Degree Felony)

- Defendant is ordered to pay all plea in abeyance fees, court fees, and restitution as ordered pursuant to a payment ordered by the court.
- Defendant is placed on a 36 month probation which is to be supervised by the court.
- Defendant ordered to repay restitution amount of \$6,944.00 at a rate of \$192.00 per month.

Class A Misdemeanor (Amended from a Third Degree Felony)-Jose A Jimenez

- Defendant pled guilty to one count of Unemployment Fraud.
- Defendant is sentenced to 365 days in jail.
- Jail time is suspended and the defendant is placed on a 36-month probation to be supervised by Third District Court.
- Defendant ordered to pay restitution amount of \$5,838.00 at a rate of \$163 per month.
- Defendant is ordered to violate no laws.

Third Degree Felony (Amended from a Second Degree Felony)-Steven S Richardson

- Defendant pled guilty to one count of Unemployment Fraud.
- Defendant is sentenced to an indeterminate term of and not to exceed five years in jail.
- Jail time is suspended and the defendant is placed on 36-months probation to be supervised by Good Behavior Probation.
- Defendant ordered to pay restitution amount of \$17,474.00 at a rate of \$300 per month.

Class A Misdemeanor (Amended from a Third Degree Felony)-William Thomas

- Defendant pled guilty to one count of Unemployment Fraud.
- Defendant is sentenced to 1 year in jail.
- Jail time is suspended and the defendant is placed on a 24-month probation to be supervised by Adult Probation and Parole
- Defendant ordered to pay restitution amount of \$5,357.00.
- Defendant is ordered to complete a DNA test.

June 2017

Class A Misdemeanor (Amended from a Third Degree Felony)-Paula Wankier

- Defendant pled guilty to one count of Unemployment Fraud.
- Defendant is sentenced to 365 days in jail.
- Jail time is suspended and the defendant is placed on a 36-month probation to be supervised by Good Behavior Probation.
- Defendant ordered to pay restitution amount of \$6502.00 at a rate of \$100 per month.

Class A Misdemeanor (Amended from a Third Degree Felony)-Andrew Cox

- Defendant pled guilty to one count of Unemployment Fraud.
- Defendant is sentenced to 365 days in jail.
- Jail time is suspended and the defendant is placed on a 36-month probation to be supervised by Good Behavior Probation.
- Defendant ordered to pay restitution amount of \$7,649.00 at a rate of \$213 per month.

Class A Misdemeanor (Amended from a Third Degree Felony)-Benjamin Montoya

- Defendant pled guilty to one count of Unemployment Fraud.
- Defendant is sentenced to 365 days in jail.
- Jail time is suspended and the defendant is placed on a 36-month probation to be supervised by Good Behavior Probation.
- Defendant ordered to pay restitution amount of \$7,504.00 at a rate of \$200 per month.

Class A Misdemeanor (Amended from a Third Degree Felony)-Colton Kimber

- Defendant pled guilty to one count of Unemployment Fraud.
- Defendant is sentenced to 365 days in jail.
- Jail time is suspended and the defendant is placed on a 5-year probation to be supervised by Good Behavior Probation.
- Defendant ordered to pay restitution amount of \$8,618.00 at a rate of \$50 per month.

Third Degree Felony (Amended from a Second Degree Felony)-Siulepa F Auelua

- Defendant pled guilty to one count of Unemployment Fraud.
- Defendant is sentenced to an indeterminate term of and not to exceed five years in jail.
- Jail time is suspended and the defendant is placed on a 36-months probation to be supervised by Third District Court.
- Defendant ordered to pay restitution amount of \$17,056.12 at a rate of \$150 per month.

Class A Misdemeanor (Amended from a Third Degree Felony)-Vern Bodrero

- Defendant pled guilty to one count of Unemployment Fraud.
- Defendant is sentenced to 365 days in jail.
- Jail time is suspended and the defendant is placed on a 36-month probation to be supervised by Third District Court.
- Defendant ordered to pay restitution amount of \$7,046.00 at a rate of \$196 per month.

May 2017

Plea in Abeyance-(Amended from a Second Degree Felony)

- Defendant is ordered to pay all plea in abeyance fees, court fees, and restitution as ordered pursuant to a payment ordered by the court.
- Defendant ordered to repay restitution amount of \$11,706.00 at a rate of \$50.00 per month.

April 2017

Plea in Abeyance-(Amended from a Third Degree Felony)

- Defendant is ordered to pay all plea in abeyance fees, court fees, and restitution as ordered pursuant to a payment ordered by the court.
- Defendant is ordered to violate no laws during the term of agreement other than minor traffic violations.

Plea in Abeyance-(Amended from a Second Degree Felony)

- Defendant is ordered to pay all plea in abeyance fees, court fees, and restitution as ordered pursuant to a payment ordered by the court.
- Defendant is ordered to violate no laws during the term of agreement other than minor traffic violations.

March 2017

Third Degree Felony-Monique Clevenger

- Defendant pled guilty to one count of Unemployment Fraud.
- Defendant sentenced to an indeterminate term not to exceed five years in Utah State Prison.
- Prison time is suspended and the defendant was put on 36-month probation to be supervised by American Fork District Court
- Defendant is ordered to violate no laws.
- Defendant ordered to pay restitution amount of \$10,084.00 at a rate of \$50 per month.

Class A Misdemeanor (Amended from a Third Degree Felony)-Pedro Castillo

- Defendant pled guilty to one count of Unemployment Fraud.
- Defendant sentenced to 364 days in jail.
- 354 days in jail time was suspended and the defendant is ordered to serve 10 days in jail.
- Defendant is put on an 18-month probation to be supervised by Private Supervision.
- Defendant is ordered to submit and pay for DNA sample.
- Defendant is ordered to complete an ACCI Life Skills Course.

- Defendant is ordered to write a letter of apology to the victims and submit it to the court and prosecutor.
- Ordered to pay full restitution of \$6,570.00 at a rate of \$100 per month.

Class A Misdemeanor (Amended from a Third Degree Felony)-Esmeralda Valencia

- Defendant pled guilty to one count of Unemployment Fraud.
- Defendant sentenced to 365 days in jail.
- Jail time was suspended and the defendant was put on a 36-month probation to be supervised by Good Behavior Probation.
- Defendant is ordered to violate no laws.
- Ordered to pay full restitution of \$6,413.14 at a rate of \$179 per month.

Plea in Abeyance (Amended from a Second Degree Felony)

- Defendant pled guilty to one count of Unemployment Fraud.
- Plea in abeyance is placed on 12-month probation.
- Defendant is ordered to pay a restitution amount of \$7,790.00.
- Defendant ordered to violate no laws.

Plea in Abeyance (Amended from a Second Degree Felony)

- Defendant pled guilty to one count of Unemployment Fraud.
- Plea in abeyance is placed on a 36-month probation.
- Defendant is ordered to pay a restitution amount of \$12,156.00. Defendant is ordered to pay \$1,000 the day of sentencing and then continue to make monthly payments in the amount of \$310.
- Defendant ordered to violate no laws.

February 2017

Plea in Abeyance (Amended from a Third Degree Felony)

- Defendant pled guilty to one count of Unemployment Fraud.
- Plea in abeyance is placed on an 18-month probation.
- Defendant is ordered to pay a restitution amount of \$10,860.00 in two payments. The first payment in the amount of \$8,000.00 and the second payment in the amount of \$2,860.00
- Defendant ordered to violate no laws.

Third Degree Felony-Tammy S Davis

- Defendant pled guilty to one count of Unemployment Fraud.
- Defendant is ordered to complete 100 hours of community service which is to be completed through C& D Court Services.
- Defendant is ordered to pay restitution amount of \$2,874.00 at a rate of \$200 per month.
- Defendant is ordered to commit no further violations of the law.
- Defendant is ordered not to use or possess alcoholic beverages or frequent places where alcohol is the chief item for sale.
- Defendant is not to use or possess controlled substances or be in the presence of those who use, possess or distribute controlled substances.
- Defendant is ordered to submit to body fluids testing for evidence of drug or alcohol use.

- Defendant is ordered to complete an evaluation by Davis County Alcohol and Drug or Davis Behavioral Health and any program they suggest.
- Defendant is ordered to obtain and maintain lawful, verifiable, full-time employment.
- Defendant ordered to submit to DNA testing.

Class A Misdemeanor (Amended from a Third Degree Felony)-Lee Tran

- Defendant pled guilty to one count of Unemployment Fraud.
- Defendant sentenced to 365 days in jail.
- Jail time was suspended and the defendant was put on 36-month probation to be supervised by Good Behavior Probation.
- Defendant is ordered to violate no laws.
- Ordered to pay full restitution of \$5410.00 at a rate of \$150.28 per month.

Class A Misdemeanor (Amended from a Second Degree Felony)-Chad Byrne

- Defendant pled guilty to one count of Unemployment Fraud.
- Defendant sentenced to an indeterminate term of not to exceed five years in Utah State Prison.
- Prison term is suspended and the defendant was put on 36-month probation to be supervised by Good Behavior Probation.
- Defendant is ordered to violate no laws.
- Defendant ordered to pay restitution of \$23,136.00 at a rate of \$200 per month.

Class A Misdemeanor (Amended from a Second Degree Felony)-Michael Krause

- Defendant pled guilty to one count of Unemployment Fraud.
- Defendant sentenced to 365 days in jail.
- Jail time is suspended and the defendant was put on 36-month probation to be supervised by Good Behavior Probation.
- Defendant is ordered to violate no laws
- Defendant was given credit for \$1,500.00 previously paid to the Department. Defendant ordered to pay restitution of \$11,352.00 at a rate of \$100 per month.

Class A Misdemeanor (Amended from a Third Degree Felony)-Cherish Thompson

- Defendant pled guilty to one count of Unemployment Fraud.
- Defendant sentenced to 365 days in jail.
- Jail time was suspended and the defendant was put on 36-month probation to be supervised by Good Behavior Probation.
- Defendant is ordered to violate no laws.
- Ordered to pay full restitution of \$5,472.00 at a rate of \$152 per month.

January 2017

Class A Misdemeanor (Amended from a Second Degree Felony)-Kimberly Noorlander

- Defendant pled guilty to one count of Unemployment Fraud.
- Defendant is ordered to pay a restitution amount of \$11,990.00 at rate of \$333 per month.
- Defendant is sentenced to serve 365 days in jail.
- Jail time is suspended and the defendant is placed on a 36-month probation.

- Probation is to be supervised by the Good Behavior Probation.
- Defendant is ordered not to violate any laws while on probation.

Class A Misdemeanor (Amended from a Third Degree Felony)-Rodney Bagshaw

- Defendant pled guilty to one count of Unemployment Fraud.
- Defendant is ordered to pay a restitution amount of \$6,380.00 at rate of \$177.22 per month.
- Defendant is sentenced to serve 365 days in jail.
- Jail time is suspended and the defendant is placed on a 36-month probation.
- Probation is to be supervised by the Third District Court.
- Defendant is ordered not to violate any laws while on probation.

Plea in Abeyance (Amended from a Third Degree Felony)

- Defendant pled guilty to one count of Unemployment Fraud.
- Defendant is ordered to pay a restitution amount of \$4,804.00 at a rate of \$140 per month.
- Defendant must have violated no laws while in term of agreement.
- Defendant is placed on a 36-month probation.

Plea in Abeyance (Amended from a Third Degree Felony)

- Defendant pled guilty to one count of Unemployment Fraud.
- Defendant is ordered to pay a restitution amount of \$6,664.00.
- Defendant must have violated no laws while in term of agreement.
- Defendant is placed on a 12-month probation.

Plea in Abeyance (Amended from a Second Degree Felony)

- Defendant pled guilty to one count of Unemployment Fraud.
- Defendant is ordered to pay a restitution amount of \$17,270. Restitution was paid in full prior to sentencing.
- Defendant must have violated no laws while in term of agreement.
- Defendant is placed on a 12-month probation.

December 2016

Class A Misdemeanor (Amended from a Second Degree Felony)-Jason Joshua

- Defendant pled guilty to one count of Unemployment Fraud.
- Defendant is ordered to pay a restitution amount of \$21,076.00 at a rate of \$590 per month.
- Defendant is sentenced to an indeterminate term of and not to exceed five years in State Prison.
- Prison time is suspended and the defendant is placed on a 36-month probation to be supervised by Good Behavior Probation.
- Defendant is ordered to violate no laws.

Class A Misdemeanor (Amended from a Second Degree Felony)-Michael Gilstrap

- Defendant pled guilty to one count of Unemployment Fraud.
- Defendant is ordered to pay a restitution amount of \$9,604.49 at a rate of \$400 per month.
- Defendant is sentenced to 365 days in jail.
- Jail time is suspended and the defendant is placed on a 36-month probation to be supervised by the Third District Court.
- Defendant is ordered to violate no laws.

Plea in Abeyance (Amended from a Second Degree Felony)

- Defendant pled guilty to one count of Unemployment Fraud.
- Defendant is ordered to pay a restitution amount of \$15,254.00.
- Defendant must have violated no laws while in term of agreement.
- Defendant is placed on a 12-month probation.

Plea in Abeyance (Amended from a Second Degree Felony)

- Defendant pled guilty to one count of Unemployment Fraud.
- Defendant is ordered to pay a restitution amount of \$2,581.00 at a rate of \$144 per month.
- Defendant must have violated no laws while in term of agreement.
- Defendant is placed on an 18-month probation.

Plea in Abeyance (Amended from a Third Degree Felony)

- Defendant pled guilty to one count of Unemployment Fraud.
- Defendant must have violated no laws while in term of agreement.
- Defendant is placed on a 12-month probation.

November 2016

Third Degree Felony-Jonathan Nez

- Defendant pled guilty to one count of Unemployment Fraud.
- Defendant is ordered to pay a restitution amount of \$11,458.00 at rate of \$350 per month.
- Defendant is sentenced to serve an indeterminate amount of time in Utah State Prison.
- Jail time is suspended and the defendant is ordered to serve 10 days in Iron County Jail and will be placed on a 36-month probation.
- Defendant must maintain full-time employment and/or education.
- Defendant is ordered to complete ACCI Life Skills Course (theft).
- Defendant must submit a DNA sample.
- Defendant is to write a letter of Apology to the victim.

Class A Misdemeanor (Amended from a Second Degree Felony)-Richard L Sparks

- Defendant pled guilty to one count of Unemployment Fraud.
- Defendant is ordered to pay a restitution amount of \$8,928.00 to be repaid at a rate of \$100 per month.
- Defendant is sentenced to 365 days in jail.
- Jail time is suspended and defendant is placed on a 36-month probation.

Class A Misdemeanor (Amended from a Second Degree Felony)-Robert Gonzales

- Defendant pled guilty to one count of Unemployment Fraud.
- Defendant is ordered to pay a restitution amount of \$8,717.14 to be repaid at a rate of \$100 per month.
- Defendant is sentenced to 365 days in jail.
- Jail time is suspended and defendant is placed on a 36-month probation.

Plea in Abeyance (Amended from a Third Degree Felony)

- Defendant pled guilty to one count of Unemployment Fraud.
- Defendant is ordered to pay a restitution amount of \$11,017.00.
- Defendant must have violated no laws while in term of agreement.
- Defendant is placed on a 36-month probation.

Plea in Abeyance (Amended from a Third Degree Felony)

- Defendant pled guilty to one count of Unemployment Fraud.
- Defendant is ordered to pay a restitution amount of \$7,866.00
- Defendant must have violated no laws while in term of agreement.

Plea in Abeyance (Amended from a Third Degree Felony)

- Defendant pled guilty to one count of Unemployment Fraud.
- Defendant is ordered to pay a restitution amount of \$6,643.25.
- Defendant must maintain full-time employment.
- Defendant must obey all laws; plea in abeyance may not be impacted by minor traffic violations.

Plea in Abeyance (Amended from a Second Degree Felony)

- Defendant pled guilty to one count of Unemployment Fraud.
- Defendant is ordered to pay a restitution amount of \$10,096.00, a Plea in Abeyance fee of \$250, and \$500 to a trust in behalf of The Family Place Child & Family Support.
- Defendant must maintain full-time employment.
- Defendant must obey all laws; plea in abeyance may not be impacted by minor traffic violations.